THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTRY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Some complaints from MPs against malfunctioning and slow progress have been received. In such case the matter is taken up with the concerned Collector\State Government and necessary instructions are issued.

(b) The issue of enhancement of MPLAD Scheme funds from Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 2 crores per MP is under consideration.

(c) The review of the Scheme is a continuous process. As and when the suggestions from MPs or others are received for bringing improvements, the matter is considered for taking necessary decision for bringing improvements in the scheme.

Shortage of power and its effect on growth rate

2157. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that shortage of power affects the growth rate of all key indicators and thus the G.D.P.; and

(b) whether the all India shortage is 18%, what is the impact of this on G.D.P.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The power supply position at the end of Annual Plan 1997-98 indicates 8.1% shortage in energy and 11.3% shortage in peak demand at all India level.

Electricity is one of the key inputs for the growth of industrial and agricultural production which are major components of GDP growth. The growth of economy, expressed as percentage annual increase in GDP, calls for sustained growth of power sector. The growth rate of demand for power in developing countries is generally higher than that of GDP. However, it is difficult to establish any firm empirical relationship between the shortage in power availability and the level of GDP.

Plan outlay for the States

2158. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of plan outlay finalised for 1998-98 by the Planning Commission, Statewise;

(b) how this year's plan outlay compares with that of 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(c) the per capita Central Assistance to the States for the last three years; and

(d) the details of steps taken by the States to increase State's resources for financing their annual plan outlays?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) The statement indicating Statewise Plan Outlays for 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 and per capita Net Normal Central Assistance for these three years are given in Statement—I and Statement—II respectively. (*See* below)

(d) Planning Commission has been impressing upon the States to generate higher level of own resources through increase in tax and non-tax revenues and also by containing non-plan revenue expenditure.